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The Honorable Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary

Surface Transportation Board

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Re Docket No AB-1017X - West Shore Railroad Corporation - Abandonment
Exemption - Mifflinburg Branch, Union and Northumberland Counties, PA -

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

Enclosed you will find an original and ten copies of Lewisburg Area Recreation Authority's Request for Public Use and Trail Use Condition and the Consent of West Shore Railroad Corporation to that request in the above captioned matter

Please time stamp the copy of this letter as proof of filing and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope provided. Copies of the enclosed documents have been served on all parties of record

Very truly yours,

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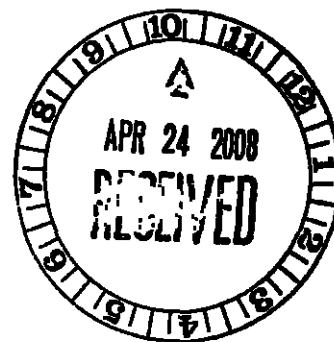
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Re STB Docket No AB-1017X -West Shore Railroad Corporation
Abandonment Exemption in Union and Northumberland County, PA –
Request for Public Use and Trail Use Condition

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

I am authorized to file this request on behalf of Lewisburg Area Recreation Authority. ("LARA"), which is a government agency responsible for the development and provision of recreational resources and facilities in the Lewisburg, PA area

LARA requests issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as an Interim Trail Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment authorization between Milepost 0 0 in Montandon, PA and Milepost 11 8 in Mifflinburg, PA

A Request for Public Use Condition

LARA asks the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment

1 An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties and signal equipment, except for public use on reasonable terms. Justification for this condition is The corridor would make an excellent recreational trail and conversion of the property to trail use is in accordance with local plans. The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. LARA needs this much time to finalize its conditional sale transaction with West Shore Railroad Company, schedule a closing, and arrange for conveyance of the right of way

2 An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels. The justification for this condition is that these

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structures have considerable value for recreational trail purposes. The time period requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason indicated in Paragraph 1 above.

B Request for Interim Trail Use

The railroad right of way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. In addition to the public use conditions sought above, proponent also makes the following request:

**STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In order to establish interim trail use and railbanking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29, LARA is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right of way owned by and operated by West Shore Railroad Company.

The property, known as the Mifflinburg Branch, extends from railroad milepost 0.0 in Montandon, PA to railroad milepost 11.8 in Mifflinburg, PA, a distance of 11.8 miles in Northumberland and Union Counties, PA. The right of way is the entire line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-1017X.

A map depicting the right of way is attached.

LARA acknowledges that use of the right of way is subject to user's continuing obligation to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right of way for rail service.

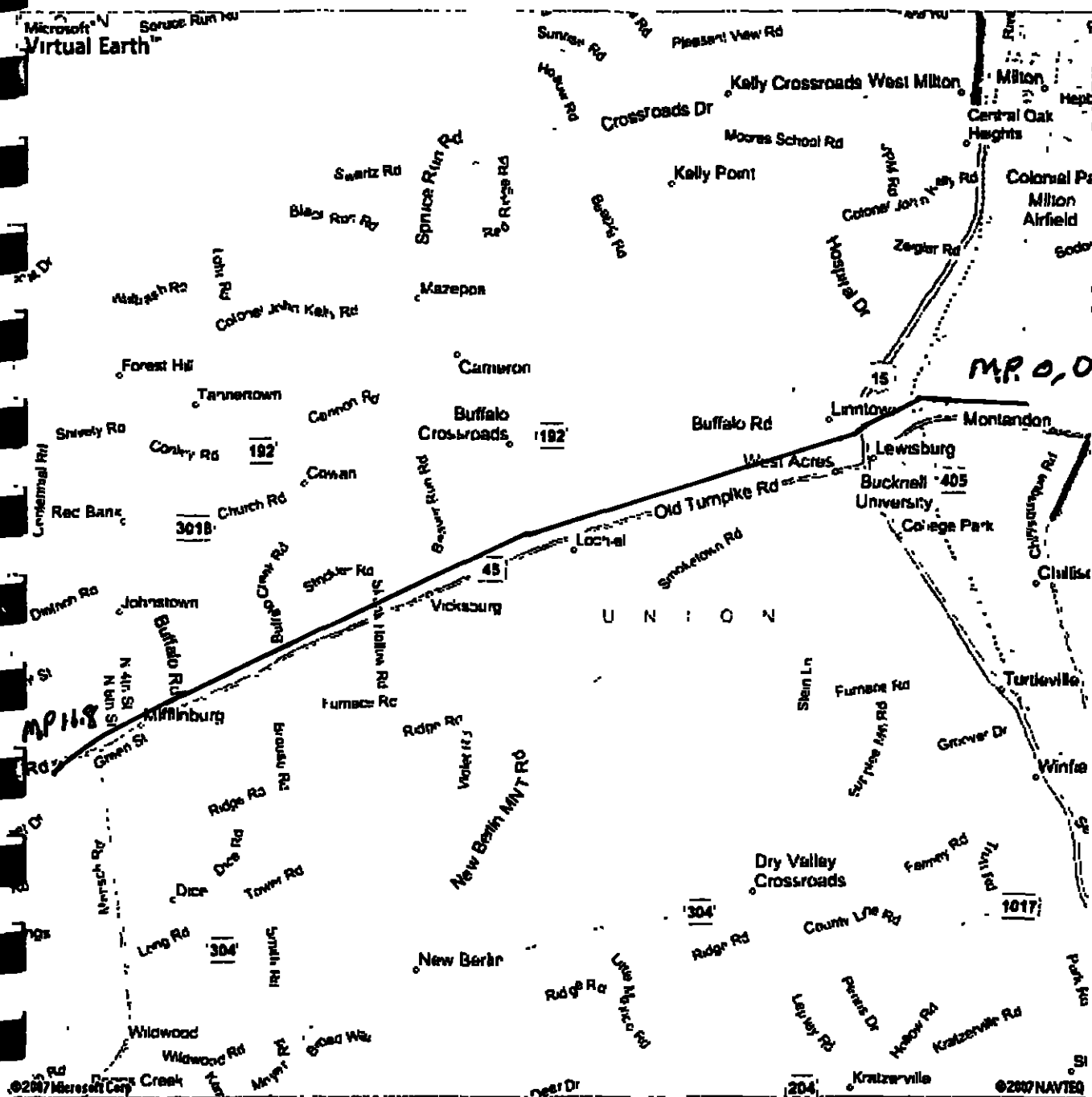
By my signature below, I certify service upon West Shore Railroad, 8030 West Branch Highway, Lewisburg, PA 17837, by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 23d day of April, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Lewisburg Area
Recreation Authority

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